Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The ear pad according to claim 10, wherein said sound-insulating walls have a diameter which decreases toward the front of the ear pad.

4. (Previously Presented) The ear pad according to claim 3, wherein said sound-insulating walls extend in a direction perpendicular to the center line of the basic body.

5. (Currently Amended) The ear pad according to ~~claim 1~~claim 10, wherein each of said sound-insulating walls has the same diameter and is slightly slanted backward towards the rear edge side.

6. (Previously Presented) The ear pad according to claim 10, wherein said sound-insulating walls include air bubbles having a sound-absorbing capability.

7. (Previously Presented) The ear pad according to claim 10, wherein said sound-insulating walls have a maximum outer diameter smaller than two times of the outer diameter of the basic body.

8. (Previously Presented) The ear pad according to claim 10, wherein not less than five but not more than ten

sound-insulating walls are provided on the outer periphery of the basic body.

9. (Previously Presented) An earphone having the ear pad according to claim 10 provided at a tip section thereof.

10. (Previously Presented) An ear pad adapted to being inserted and detachably set in an auditory meatus and having a structure in which, on an outer peripheral surface of a hollow and cylindrical basic body made of an elastic material, a number of gathered sound-insulating walls made of the same material as the basic body are monolithically annularly provided on the basic body at predetermined intervals in the axial direction, the sound-insulating walls having a thickness that reduces toward the outer periphery thereof, each wall contacting an inner wall of the auditory meatus with a peripheral edge bend thereof which extends toward the rear of the basic body such that several sealed spaces are formed for attenuating outside noises by bent walls which overlap and adjoin an adjacent wall at outer peripheral edges thereof when the ear pad is placed in the auditory meatus.

11. (Previously Presented) An ear pad adapted to being inserted and detachably set in an auditory meatus and having a structure in which, on an outer peripheral surface of a hollow and cylindrical basic body made of an elastic material, a number of gathered sound-insulating walls made of the same material as the basic body are monolithically annularly provided on the basic body at predetermined intervals in the axial direction, the sound-insulating walls having a diameter which decreases toward the front of the pad, extending in a direction perpendicular to the center line of the basic body and having a wall thickness that reduces toward the outer periphery thereof, each wall contacting an inner wall of the auditory meatus with a peripheral edge bend thereof which extends toward the rear of the basic body such that several

sealed spaces are formed for attenuating outside noise by bent walls which overlap and adjoin an adjacent wall at outer peripheral edges thereof when the ear pad is placed in the auditory meatus.